

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Alexandria Division**

ALI ABDALLA HAMZA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
vs.)	Civil Action No. 1:20cv1038
)	
KHALIFA HIFTER,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
_____)	

NOTICE BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On October 26, 2020, in two civil actions associated with the above-captioned action – *Elzagally, et al. v. Hifter*, No. 1:19cv853 (E.D. Va.) (Dkt. No. 45) and *Al-Suyid, et al. v. Hifter*, No. 1:20cv170 (E.D. Va.) (Dkt. No. 53) – this Court invited the United States Department of State to provide its input concerning whether the actions “should proceed in this Court.” On January 4, 2021, the United States – on behalf of the State Department – filed notices in each civil action declining to file a Statement of Interest pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 517 (Dkt. No. 46 [*Elzagally*]; Dkt. No. 54 [*Al-Suyid*]).

In a second letter dated April 5, 2021 (Dkt. No. 34), this Court once again invited the State Department to provide its input concerning whether the above-captioned action, and the *Elzagally* and *Al-Suyid* actions, “should proceed in this Court.” This Court’s letter specifically noted that its renewed solicitation was made “[a]s a courtesy to the new administration,” and requested a response from the State Department by May 14, 2021.

The State Department again sincerely appreciates this Court’s invitation to express its views on the issues presented in these three civil actions. But after careful deliberation, the

United States politely declines to file a Statement of Interest, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 517, at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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